GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:487
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POLLUTION IN METRO CITIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any comprehensive and concerted action plan to bring down the alarming pollution levels in all Metro and Mega cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any study to assess the impact of CNG use on the pollution levels in Delhi and other metros; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a), (b),(c) & (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 487 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 29.4.2002 REGARDING POLLUTION IN METRO CITIES

(a) & (b) : The Government has taken several steps for prevention and control of pollution in metro and mega cities of the country. These include control of vehicular and noise pollution; management of municipal and bio-medical wastes and plastic wastes disposal. City specific action plans have also been prepared and are at various stages of implementation in respect of mega cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.

(c) & (d) : Central Pollution Control Board has been conducting ambient air quality monitoring in Delhi and the comparison of ambient air quality data for the years 2000 and 2001 revealed that concentration of all the regulatory pollutants in ambient air has reduced. This is attributable to the increased use of cleaner fuels like low sulphur diesel and compressed natural gas (CNG) in motor vehicles.